

for each fire plug such sum annually as shall be agreed upon by said joint stock water company and said mayor and council; and for the purposes of meeting the expenses caused thereby, the said mayor and council are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually, in addition to the taxes now authorized by law, upon the taxable property within the corporate limits of Hagerstown, a tax, to be levied and collected the same as other corporation taxes are levied and collected, sufficient to pay the sum due annually for the erection, maintenance and supply of water thereto of said additional fire plugs; and the said taxes levied and collected for the purposes aforesaid, shall be kept as a separate fund and shall not be used for any other purpose than to pay said joint stock water company said annual sum for the erection, maintenance and supply of water thereto of said additional fire plugs.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 216. 1880, ch. 457.

**374.** They are authorized and empowered, whenever they deem it expedient, to levy and collect, in the same manner as other corporation taxes are levied and collected, the sum of five hundred dollars, and to expend so much thereof as may be necessary to employ a competent engineer to make surveys, plans and specifications for, and careful estimates of the cost of furnishing said Hagerstown with water works.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 217. 1880, ch. 457.

**375.** They are directed to publish in succinct form in the newspapers of Hagerstown, the results of such surveys, plans and estimates of cost; and they are empowered to order an election to be held at such time as they shall designate, after the same notice and in the same manner as corporate elections of said town are now held, to take the sense of the people in respect to water works for said town; and at such election the qualified voters then residing within the corporate limits of said town are authorized to cast a ballot "for the contract for water works," or a ballot "against the contract for water works," and the result of such election shall be certified in the manner of certifying corporate elections to the mayor and council of said town; and if the majority of the votes cast be "for the contract for water works," the said mayor and council shall be forthwith empowered and authorized to carry out and give effect to the terms and provisions of this section in respect to a contract with a joint stock water company as hereinbefore provided.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 218. 1880, ch. 133.

**376.** It shall not be lawful for the owners or lessees of any public hall, church, school or place of amusement, in the cities of Hagerstown, Baltimore, Cumberland, Frederick, Annapolis or Frostburg, to obstruct, or to allow to be obstructed by others, any of the aisles or passageways in the auditorium of said halls, churches, schools or places of amusement, by placing therein any benches, chairs or stools, or other articles that may prevent free ingress or egress during the hours that said places may be open to the public.